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| For: DEVICE AND METHOD FOR |) | Date: March 13, 2007 |
| SUPPLYING GAS WHILE DIVIDING |) | |
| TO CHAMBER FROM GAS |) | |
| SUPPLYING FACILITY EQUIPPED |) | |
| WITH FLOW CONTROLLER |) | |

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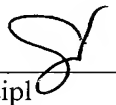
Attached is a copy of the date-stamped receipt card, showing that the Declaration was filed on December 20, 2005 with the application. Therefore, it is believed that the Notification of Missing Requirements was issued in error and neither the Declaration or surcharge is necessary. However, a copy of the originally-filed Declaration is attached.

In view of the above, it is believed that the filing requirements under 37 U.S.C. 371 have been met and that the application be accorded the date of December 20, 2005 as both the filing and 371 completion dates

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This card, when stamped with the date stamp of the U. S. Patent and Trademark Office, acknowledges receipt of the following papers comprising the application for Letters Patent of Kazuhiko SUGIYAMA for APPARATUS AND METHOD OF DIVIDING AND SUPPLYING GAS TO A CHAMBER FROM A GAS SUPPLY APPARATUS EQUIPPED WITH A FLOW-RATE CONTROL SYSTEM, said application comprising:

1. Return Receipt Postcard;
2. Credit Card Authorization in the amount of \$900.00;
3. Form PTO 1390 in duplicate;
4. Application Data Sheet (6 pages);
5. Preliminary Amendment (A) (16 pages), Replacement Drawings (2 sheets), Annotated Drawings (2 sheets);
6. English Language Translation of application as originally filed ^{31 Feb} (32 Pages of Specification, Claims & Abstract);
7. 6 Pages of Drawings (Figures 1- 7);
8. Declaration and Power of Attorney (2 pages);
9. Second Copy of English Language translation;
10. Copy of the Japanese Application as Filed;
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